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Shortage of Railway Engines and Coaches
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of railway engines and coaches in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it has come to light that diesel engine sent to the West Central Railway Zone, Jabalpur for monthly maintenance was utilised for other purposes and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether railway engines and coaches are misused by other railway zones in a similar manner due to their shortage and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Railways has taken any steps to manufacture the required number of railway engines and coaches and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)
(a) to (e) No, Madam. Manufacture of engines (locomotives) is planned after taking into account the requirement for running coaching services and the anticipated demand for freight transportation services. Similarly, acquisition of coaches is planned on the basis of the requirement for running coaching services. The present availability of engines and coaches is adequate to run the planned coaching services and also to meet the freight transportation demand.
Diesel locomotives are regularly sent to various sheds, including the New Katni Junction (NKJ) Shed and Itarsi (ET) Shed on West Central Railway for their periodic maintenance and are utilized subsequently as per requirement.
The deployment of railway engines and coaches depends on a number of operational issues and decisions regarding the same are taken on a day to day basis at the divisional level. These decisions are aimed at optimizing utilization of rolling stock (locomotives, coaches and wagons) while ensuring smooth running of the planned coaching services.